B. Schemes Exclusively for Development of Women:

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001
	BE	EXP	BE	EXP.	BE	EXP.	BE
	143.45	118.80	231.40	141.26	155.47	99.06	190.60
TOTAL	(A+B)900.00	896.69	1225.95	1131.84	1320.00	1244.64	1460.00

NOTE: Due to non-utilization of funds released to the Central Social Welfare Board and some of the State Governments during the previous years and accumulation of unspent balance with them, further release of fund during 1999-2000 was restricted.

Model Station in A.P.

*377. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of model stations being developed during this year;

(b) the number of railway stations in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) how many of these have been converted into model railway stations with modem facilities; and

(d) the details of facilities available on these stations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) Of the total number of 6896 railway stations, in the country, 186 stations (which are mostly category 'A' stations) have so far been selected as model stations. All the 11 category 'A' stations falling within the State of Andhra Pradesh, have been selected as model stations. Andhra Pradesh has 602 railway stations of various categories together.

Various facilities like reservation/booking/enquiry counters, public address system, waiting hall, waiting rooms, retiring rooms, refreshment room, cloak room, foot over bridge, water coolers, lavatories, urinals, wheel chairs, etc. are mostly available at all the 11 stations. As regards upgradation of

amenities at the 11 model stations selected in Andhra Pradesh, 5 stations viz. Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Tirupati, Vijaywada and Visakhapatnam were selected in the month of June, 1999 and various facilities like Standardised Signage, Computerisation of Complaints, National Train Enquiry System, Interactive Voice Response System have already been provided. Improvements in amenities like upgradation of Waiting Room, Enquiry Counter, Booking Counter, Retiring Rooms, etc. have also been undertaken. Out of the remaining 6 stations, 4 were selected at the end of January, 2000 and 2 in the month of May, 2000, and provision of similar upgraded passenger amenities at these stations is in progress.

Free education for girls upto graduation

*378. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have since prepared the scheme for free education for girls upto graduation level;

(b) if so, the modalities thereof;

(c) the assistance provided to States for implementation of the scheme; and

(d) the Slates which are not implementing the scheme, with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The proposed scheme 'National Programme for Women's Education' is at an advanced stage of preparation. The details of the scheme have not yet been finalized.

Allocation for Kumarghat-Agartala Rail Line

*379. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 753, given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 2000 and state what has been the year- wise fund allocation for Kumarghat-Agartala rail line project, since 1996?